

Docket No.: 044239-0066

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****FAX RECEIVED**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
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 Osamu YAMADA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3198
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 Application No.: 09/494,253 : Group Art Unit: 2624
 : Allowed: January 12, 2005 January 12, 2005
 Filed: January 31, 2000 : Examiner: TRAN, Douglas Q.

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

For: IMAGE FORMATION APPARATUS LIMITING PRINT OPERATION ACCORDING
 TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION EMBEDDED IN INPUT IMAGE DATA

PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE (37 CFR 1.313)

Mail Stop Issue
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

1. Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue.
2. The issue fee for this case
 - a. ☐ has NOT been paid, but is due for payment on .
 - b. ☒ has been paid on April 7, 2005.

This application is scheduled to

- ☒ issue on May 24, 2005.
- ☒ as U.S. Patent No. 6,897,970

3. The reason for the request for withdrawal from issue is:
 - a. ☐ there has been a mistake on the part of the Office.
 - b. ☐ there has been a violation of Section 1.56, or illegality in the application.
 - c. ☐ one or more of the claims are unpatentable.

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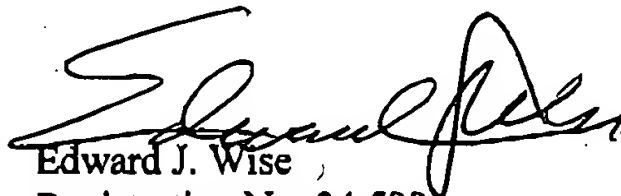
- d. ☐ for purposes of declaring an interference.
- e. ☒ other: Received an Office Action in the foreign priority case which cited a reference believed to be material to the patentability of the application and would like it to be considered into the record.

4. The petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(i)) is paid as follows:

- ☐ Enclosed is a check in the sum of \$130.00.
- ☒ Charge Account 500417 the sum of \$130.00. A duplicate of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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